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1. In March the Chinese Communists established an epidemic prevention department in the Red Swastika Association 1 Building, Chung Nan Hai, Peiping. LI Te-ch'uan, Minister of Public Health, is in charge of this department, which is staffed 25X1 by about 100 research personnel including a Soviet, Li-wei-ssu-ch'i-no-fu (里維斯奇諾夫).

The Department is developing vaccines for typhoid, cholera, dysentery, and plague.

2. In March the Chinese Communists in North China were not tearing down buildings because of the epidemic, 2 were not taking measures to protect the water supply, and were not slaughtering cattle because of the epidemic. Epidemics were not a serious threat to North China. Authorities were inoculating people with serum from the USSR and spraying people with insecticide.

3. In early April the Kwangtung Government proclaimed the period April to September as anti-epidemic months, during which the government would give compulsory inoculations in all important cities, factories, schools, and port areas. On 5 April inoculation teams started work at railroad stations, high-way check points, and piers in Canton, Chungshan (113-36, 22-22), and Shihch'i (113-22, 22-30). 3

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The Red Swastika Society was reported in 1945 as being founded in North China and having branches throughout China and the South Seas to do relief work similar to the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Societies.

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Communist Government has ordered all village areas to be burned if
plague comes to them. 25X1

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epidemic in Canton was under control by 21 March.

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